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MEMORANDUM

To: ENRP Chairs Burmaster & Pauly
From: ENRP Economic Development Subcommittee Chair Albert DeBenedetti
Re: February & March, 2001 subcommittee meetings
Date: March 30, 2001

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Economic Development Subcommittee met February 20, 2001 at Pizzeria Uno on Maple Road in Amherst, and March 22, 2001 at Christino's at the Amherst Marriott in a joint meeting with the ENRP Transportation Subcommittee. Present for the February meeting were Subcommittee members DeBenedetti, Coan, Eldridge and Simon, along with ENRP Co-Chair Pauly. Present for the March meeting were members Burmaster, Coan, Eldridge and Simon, along with members of the Transportation Subcommittee.

An update was given on the joint marketing of the Workforce Investment Act at a two-county level, which ENRP approved in 2000. Subcommittee member Simon reported that the Niagara County Workforce Investment Board's request for proposals to market the effort was halted in order to bring Erie County's WIB in for a coordinated plan. Chautauqua County may also be a partner. There will be an overall strategy for all partners, with individualism allowed for each county. Also, each county's marketing committee will include representation from the other counties. Simon noted that UB was left out of the effort, although they are receptive to participating. On a related note, Subcommittee member Coan reported that in Erie County, there will be one common application for the six major funders of the Workforce Investment Act. Approvals per company will still be separate, but the companies will only have to apply with one application.

Other topics discussed included the Niagara Falls airport, power relicensing, the quick cool project, the Erie County Economic Development Alliance, and economic development related transportation issues.

Members: Mr. Ronald Coan * Hon. John Connolly * Hon. Albert DeBenedetti * Mr. Thomas Dziedzic * Mr. Brian Eldridge * Hon. Bradley Erck * Mr. Samuel Ferraro * Hon. John Greenan * Mr. Clyde Johnston * Ms. Maria Lehman * Hon. Peter McMahon * Hon. Gerald Meal * Mr. Robert Miller * Hon. Sean O'Connor * Hon. Crystal Peoples * Mr. Lawrence Rubin * Mr. David Rutecki * Mr. Kevin Schuler * Mr. John Simon * Hon. Robert Villani * Hon. Barry Weinstein, M.D. * Mr. Peter Wendel * Ad Hoc: Mr. Luke Rich